

REMARKS

The examiner objects to the drawings.

The application includes claims 1-33 prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner rejected claims 1, 3-11, 14-19, 22-27, and 29-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Billington et al. (U.S. patent no. 7,103,760).

The examiner rejected claims 2, 12, 13, 20, 21, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Billington in view of Konetski et al. (U.S. publication no. 2002/0103880).

The applicants amend claims 1-2, 11-12, 19-21, and 27-28.

The application remains with claims 1-33 after entering this amendment.

The applicants do not add new matter and request reconsideration.

Drawing Objections

The applicants submit formal Figures 1 and 2 to obviate the examiner's drawing objections.

Claim Rejections Under § 102

Claim 1 recites *wherein the thin client is configured to automatically transfer data stored at the memory device through the data/memory port to the server via the network port and to archive the data in the hard disk drive of the server responsive to automatically detecting the memory device through the data/memory port*. Claims 11, 19, and 27 include similar language.

In rejecting claims 2 and 28, the examiner acknowledged that Billington does not “specifically disclose the thin client device is configured to automatically transfer data from the memory device through the data/memory port to a server coupled to the network port responsive to automatically detecting the memory device.”¹ The examiner cited Konetski for disclosing “a system for using resources of a computer system in conjunction with a thin media client wherein the computer system may retrieve content based on a signal generated by software either at the thin media client or the computer system.”²

The claims, however, recite a thin client that automatically transfers data stored at the memory device to the server and that archives the data in a hard disk drive of the server. As the

¹ Office action dated 8/23/2007, page 8 and office action dated 12/10/2007, page 10.

examiner has acknowledged, Billington does not disclose automatically transferring data responsive to automatically detecting the memory device. Billington also does not disclose archiving the data from the memory device to a hard disk drive of the server responsive to automatically detecting the memory device. The examiner cited Konetski for disclosing a system that retrieves content based on a signal generated by software at either the thin media client or the computer system.³ But such disclosure, even if it existed, would not obviate the claims since Konetski's computer system 100 "retrieves digital media content for thin clients 110, 120, and 130 using communications network 150 or a local input device such as a USB device or CD-ROM. The system 100 may retrieve this content in response to a user input at a thin media client 110, 120, or 130 or at an input device of computer system 100."⁴ That is, Konetski discloses a computer system 100 that downloads digital media content from the Internet for eventual playing or display on the thin media clients 11, 120, or 130. Konetski's "signal generated by software at either the thin media client 110, 120, or 130 or computer system 100,"⁵ therefore, does not trigger the archiving of *the data in the hard disk drive of the server* as it must to disclose the claims.

Newly amended claim 2 recites *wherein the thin client device is configured to transfer the data to the server through a global information network using the network port responsive to automatically detecting the memory device through the data/memory port*. Claims 12, 20, and 28 include similar language. The specification fully supports the language of amended claims 2, 12, 20, and 28.⁶ In Billington, the peripheral 12 does not transfer data from the device 36 to a server through a global information network. Konetski, for its part, does not disclose that the thin media clients 110, 120, 130 transfer digital media content to the computer 100 at all, much less transfer digital media content through a global information network *responsive to automatically detecting the memory device through the data/memory port* as recited.

² Office action dated 8/23/2007, page 9 and office action dated 12/10/2007, page 10.

³ Office action dated 12/10/2007, page 10.

⁴ Konetski, paragraph [0014].

⁵ Id.

⁶ See e.g., paragraph [0022].

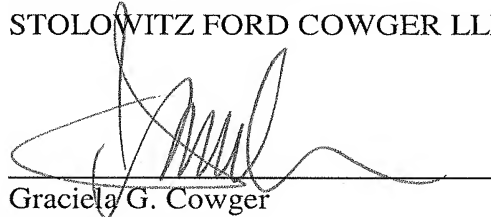
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-33 are allowable and ask the examiner to pass this application to allowance. If the examiner has any questions or believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, applicants encourage the examiner to call the undersigned at (503) 224-2170.

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